

QUESTIONS POSED AT 4TH PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION / CAG MEETING

10 MAY 2012

Pre-Session Topics of Concern / Questions:

Remedial Alternatives – Where on the internet can you find further information on the options being considered for the Portland Harbor cleanup?

Risks Posed – What are the greatest human-health concerns from contamination at Portland Harbor?

Questions Posed During Session:

What do the acronyms “PCBs” and “PAHs” stand for?

How did EPA determine the spatial extent of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site?

Is the information on the DEQ online map update to date?

Is most of the ongoing contamination coming from the existing industrial sites?

USA Today has been running stories on lead issues: is this a concern for the Portland Harbor uplands source control work?

Have the various drainages that provide surface-water inflows to the Willamette River been looked at during the studies that have been completed to date?

Have studies been done to determine potential sources of contamination upriver of the Portland Harbor Site?

Has any testing been done in neighborhoods adjacent to the Portland Harbor Site to assess presence/absence of COIs?

What is the basis for selecting the 75-ppb level for PCBs in the FS as the cutoff for cleanup at the Site?

Statement made that environmental sampling was completed in the Multnomah Channel. (The figure being shown at the time does not show results in this area.)

Was the risk from the release of radiological compounds from the Japan earthquake assessed in the Portland Harbor studies?

Are hot spots of COIs present where swimming in the area could be an issue of concern?

Statement made that there are some advisories in place regarding specific river uses.

What are the risks posed by the various COIs at the Site?

Can you explain what a “non-cancer risk” is?

Alternatives Slide: What is meant by “Use of CADs or CDFs”?

Statement made that the Port has proposed building a CDF at Portland Harbor and info on this is available at their website.

What type of bucket would be used for dredging work?

Did you consider recommending trial testing of various dredging technologies for the FS?

Statement made that there are permitted landfills where the dredged sediment can be disposed of.

What was the basis for the comparative scoring of the alternatives evaluation criteria in the FS?

Are any of the alternatives evaluation criteria weighted higher than the others in the comparative analysis in the FS?

Has an evaluation been completed of the people who use the river for various recreational uses where a potential threat is posed by COIs from the Site?